

FOR THREE DAYS ONLY...

Due To Severe Inclement Weather Patterns And Huge Market Fluctuations Millions of Dollars In Automotive Inventory Have Been Diverted From Major Automotive Manufacturers To Regional Designated Dealerships For Immediate Reduction!

THE REGIONAL DESIGNATED DEALERSHIP FOR SOUTHERN ALABAMA IS

ED SHERLING FORD

In Enterprise, Alabama

During This National Inventory Reduction, Virtually Every Make And Model Of Vehicle Will Be Elimination Priced For Immediate Delivery. To Maintain Plant Production Through The Spring Months, Manufacturers Have Committed Millions Of Dollars In Incentive Monies Insuring This Reduction Success. There Will Be:

- NO PRICE LEADERS-NO GIMMICKS
- MILLIONS IN MANUFACTURER INCENTIVES APPLIED
- LARGEST BANKS IN THE COUNTRY ARE PARTICIPATING
- VIRTUALLY EVERY MAKE AND MODEL AVAILABLE
- ALL VEHICLES CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE REDUCTION PRICE

This National Inventory Reduction Will Be Open To The Public As Well As Area Dealerships. It Is Requested That Vehicles Bought For Resale (By Dealers) Be Resold At Normal Market Pricing To Maintain Market Integrity At The Conclusion Of This Limited Inventory Reduction. During The Reduction, The General Public Will Be Eligible To The Same Pricing Considerations As Area Dealers.

The Best And Largest Banks In The Country Have Been Retained To Provide Loan Financing During This Inventory Reduction. All Credit Applications Will Be Accepted. Local Credit Unions Will Also Be Providing Loan Approvals.

National Buyers And Auctioneers Will Allow All Trade-Ins To Be Taken In. All Trade-Ins-Regardless Of Condition-Running Or Not-Paid For Or Not-Will Be Accepted. Trade-Ins May Be Transferred To Other Market Areas To Insure Maximum Values.

Manufacturer Incentive Monies Including Rebates, Customer Cash Incentives And Dealer Cash Allowances May Be Applied To Already Heavily Discounted Reduction Pricing To Maintain Normal Plant Production Cycles.

This National Inventory Reduction Is Being Held In Conjunction With Unusually Severe Winter Weather Conditions And Huge Market Fluctuations. Normal Pricing May Resume At The Conclusion Of This Event When Normal Conditions May Be Resumed.

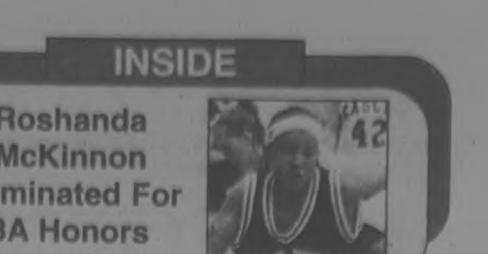
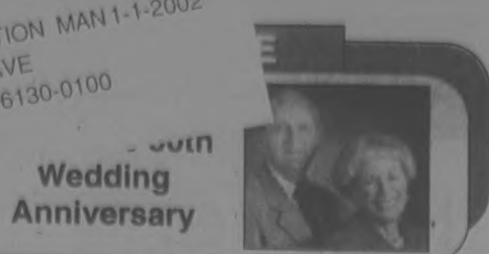
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Elba utility users facing increase in electric and water rates before summer arrives

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board faced some unwelcome news at their last monthly meeting.

Elba Mayor James Grimes, who also serves as Superintendent of the utility, noted that the recently completed annual audit recommended the board look at increasing utility rates.

The cost of electricity alone last year increased \$100,000 over the previous year, and for about the same amount of electricity, Grimes noted that Elba has not had an electric rate increase since 1981.

Grimes noted that surrounding utilities have "already increased rates above that currently being charged by Elba."

The recommended increase being considered by the board would see all classes of electric rates increase. Residential minimums would increase from \$4.00 to \$8.00 and the KWH charge would increase from .065¢ to .068¢, but with an accompanying elimination of the fuel adjustment charge, unless there was a huge jump in this add-on fee from the wholesale supplier. There are 1380

residential customers, and an average increase of \$.82 per month will net the utility an estimated \$128,000.

Small commercial service would increase from .07¢ per KWH to .075¢ with the same increase in fuel rate from \$4 to \$8. There are 144 customers in this category and they use an average of 2347 kwhs.

Their billing would increase an average of \$1,084 per month.

Large commercial users are on a three rate sliding scale and each of these would also increase, but the demand rate on these customers would not increase. There are 37 customers in this category. They use an average of 16,500 kwhs.

Their billing would increase an average of \$49.50 per month.

The three industrial users in Elba would also see an increase under the recommended proposal, but here too the demand charge would not increase.

An increase in security light monthly charges is recommended. The increase would be from \$5.00 a month to \$5.95 a month.

Monthly expense bills totaling \$39,400.55 were approved for payment.

Members of the utility board are Chairman Tim Johnson, L. M. Burch, David Bandstra, Mickey Murdock and Ronnie Hammond.

Elba School Board faces staff and other cuts to meet statewide proration accounting mandates

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board members heard first hand what they had been hearing and reading from the statewide news reports concerning education funds. Superintendent Danny Weeks reviewed the ongoing financial situation and gave predictions on what would be necessary to survive the 6.2% proration declared by Governor Don Siegelman.

Weeks said that 100 of the 128 school systems in Alabama will have to borrow money to weather the crisis. Elba, which had already borrowed operating money this year, will see state funds cut by \$32,828 a month for the remainder of the fiscal year. This income drop, coupled with the slowdown in the economy and related state tax drop,

proration declared by Governor

Danny Weeks to determine the absolute

need of new textbooks for the coming year. "Kindergarten and one and two are the most critical. With the use of the Internet and the extensive library, the upper grades can absorb much of this shortfall - at least for now," Weeks suggested as one way to ease the pain of

long-time county school board member Joyce Barksdale dies

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Elba County School Board lost a dedicated member Sunday in the death of Mrs. Joyce Barksdale.

Mrs. Barksdale, who represented District 6 on the board, was in the third year of her second sixth-year term. She was elected to the board in November of 1992. She was also Enterprise's Woman of the Year in 1992.

During the last few months, Mrs. Barksdale had been having physical difficulties but she never failed to keep informed as to the workings of the county school system. She had also missed very few meetings; in fact, she was in attendance at the last board meeting held on February 1, 2001.

"Mrs. Barksdale will be missed immensely," said Rodger Bowden, Superintendent of Coffee County Schools.

"She was a very active board member, and she will be missed," Walker added.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Barksdale Tuesday morning at First Baptist Church of Enterprise. She was buried in Boaz, AL, where she came from to Enterprise.

In the very near future, it will be up to the remaining board members to appoint an individual to serve the remainder of Barksdale's term on the board. In the event they fail to do so, the state superintendent will make the appointment.

Although it is not stipulated that a person from the district be appointed, Walker feels that will be the case. The board will appoint an individual from District 6 to serve the remaining three years of Mrs. Barksdale's term.

FREE TAX PREPARATION FOR SENIORS Free tax preparation and counseling for seniors age 60 and older and taxpayers with middle and low income is available from AARP Tax-Aide. Unemployed Dorsey employees can take advantage of this free service. Call the Elba Senior Center to make an appointment for either Monday or Thursday, 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., each week until April 15. For further information, call toll free 1-888-AARPNOW or visit the AARP website at www.aarp.org/aaxaid for further information.

customers would escape this increase under the proposal being considered. Financial reports continue to show the utility losing money on water sales. Grimes and board have shown that only the larger volume users, who now get water for as low as 8¢ per thousand gallons, should see the increase. Board members were told that it cost the utility over a dollar per gallon to pump the water out of the ground. Only about 40 customers use over 20,000 gallons per month, while only 12 or 15 of those would face these increased water rates.

Board members took the recommendations under advisement and will discuss the matter further at a later meeting.

Grimes got the board's approval to look into a method of allowing residential customers to average their monthly bill over a 12-month period, thus avoiding the peak bills during extreme weather months.

The three industrial users in Elba would also see an increase under the recommended proposal, but here too the demand charge would not increase.

Members of the utility board are Chairman Tim Johnson, L. M. Burch, David Bandstra, Mickey Murdock and Ronnie Hammond.



READY FOR OCCUPANTS... The new "speculative building" located in Elba's Industrial Park is very near completion and is ready to be occupied. The building was constructed under the guidance of the Elba Industrial Board. It is an all metal building containing 39,488 square feet of floor space and well insulated. The building will be marketed through the Elba Economic Development Board with assistance from the Alabama Development Office and the marketing services of Alabama Electric Cooperative (AEC). The industrial park is conveniently located off U.S. Highway 23 and the spec building is approximately 10 acres of that park. There is plenty of room for expansion. A perspective on the size of the building can be gained by looking at the picture on page 11. For more information contact Kyle Whitworth at (334)897-3125 or (334)897-1700 or call toll free 1-800-279-8935.

Severe Weather Preparedness Week

Governor Don Siegelman has proclaimed this week, February 19-23, as Severe Weather Preparedness Week in Alabama.

The咖啡 County Commission and the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency join the National Weather Service, the American Red Cross, the Alabama Emergency Management Agency and the State Department of Education in asking for the public's help in spreading information about severe weather and how to prepare for it.

Alabama is one of the hardest hit states in the nation by severe weather. Each year, individuals face the hardship caused by severe weather. Alabama's season in 2000 was relatively calm. However, the year ended with an explosion and on a record setting note.

With a series of twisters on Saturday, February 17, 2001, the twisters struck that year in Tuscaloosa County. Other tornadoes in recent years include the tragic Jefferson County tornado that struck in April 1998 and the Palm Sunday 1994 tornado that struck the Goshen Church in Cherokee County.

Another example is the tornado that struck Joppa and Arab in February 1995. All are grim reminders of the force of severe weather in Alabama.

The following facts point to need for preparedness:

•There were 43 tornadoes in Alabama in 2000. The category F-4 tornado in Tuscaloosa County that killed 11 people was one of the deadliest to occur in the United States. Etowah and Southeast Alabama counties also suffered major damage that day, to include a tornado that killed 11 people in Geneva County.

•Severe thunderstorms wind reached damaging force at least 416 times in 2000 and caused millions of dollars in damage. Three deaths were recorded in 2000 and 12 people were injured by thunderstorm winds.

Throughout the week, educational focus will be placed on tornadoes, flooding and flash flooding. This will also be addressed on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2001, a statewide tornado drill was scheduled. Locally, all warning sirens located throughout the county were to be sounded at

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Area Happenings

CHAMBER SPONSORS CLEAN UP DAY The Elba Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a team-clean up day to be held on Saturday, Feb. 24, in order to continue the beautification project and the general cleaning of the square. This event will begin at 9 a.m. at the Courthouse. All civic groups, business organizations, churches, school clubs and any other interested volunteers are asked to sponsor a team in order to make this a big success. Lunch will be provided at the Dairy Queen at 12 Noon. Please call the chamber office at 897-3125 by Friday, Feb. 23, to sign up and give the name of the team's captain.

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, February 26, 2001, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, Ala.

FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETING The Coffee County Department of Human Resources Foster Parent Association will have its monthly meeting Monday, February 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the DHR conference room in Enterprise. For further information contact Anita Grimes at 348-2044.

HOSPICE CAREGIVERS' SUPPORT GROUP Community Care Hospice will sponsor the Community Care Hospice Caregivers Support Group beginning Wednesday, Feb. 28. The group will meet the fourth Wednesday of every month at 9 a.m. at the Citizens Bank Community Room in Enterprise. The support group is open to all caregivers, not only those of Community Care Hospice.

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BEAWE OF FUNNY MONEY... Area merchants and the general public should be on the lookout for counterfeit \$10 and \$20 bills. Several of these bills have been passed at local businesses in the past few days. Pictured below are front views of some of the counterfeited bills. On the old \$10 bill there is a possibility other bills will bear the same serial number as the one pictured above. This may also be true on the \$20. In examining the \$10, when held up to the light, the front is very noticeably out of line with the back. The texture of the paper used on both bills is noticeably "slicker" than on the real thing. It is easier to determine if the \$20 is counterfeit because when it is held up to the light, the bar code is not present nor is the silhouette of Andrew Jackson present in the lower right-hand side of the bill. The printing on both bills will smear when dampened. Anyone coming into possession of the counterfeit bills should contact local law enforcement immediately. If possible, take note of the person passing the bill and/or the tag number of the vehicle he or she is driving.

CHURCH NEWS



Westside Baptist Church to sponsor Prayer Walk Saturday

LAVERNE AND EDITH TRIPP WILL BE IN CONCERT at First Assembly of God Church in Elba on Sunday, Feb. 25, at 10:30 a.m. only. For more information on this concert, call 897-6626 or 897-6764. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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Scripture: Job 1:21-34

The Youth Ministry of Westside Baptist Church is sponsoring a prayer walk around Elba, Saturday, Feb. 24, at 10 a.m. The walk will begin at Westside Church with groups going to different parts of the city. All churches are invited to attend.



PASTOR'S CORNER Dr. Tony Dye Westside Baptist Church

The mirror difference

Elba will be Sunday, Feb. 25, at 3 p.m. The guest minister will be Jimmie Chambers, Elam Baptist Church in Clayton. This is sponsored by the Youth Department of Shady Grove AME Church.

***"Thinking of you, praying for you: Judy Mims, Jason Guley, Delta Jones, Ojia Johnson, Rev. E. Woodgood, Rev. J. Parks, Beulah Hines, John and Addie Burnette, W.H. Caldwell, Robert Belcher Jr., Gus Cornelius.

***"Family and Friends Day (Let Us Celebrate Our African Heritage) was held Feb. 18 at 12 Noon at Legrand Community Church in Legrand. Al. Rev. Joyce Belcher Johnson, assistant pastor at Hopewell Cumberland Presbyterian Church, implored Leighton, Ala., was the guest speaker. Those attending this celebration were: Alon Belcher, Ernestine Kelley, Melinda Tony, Marcus, Jana, Tyrone, and Curtis, Kimberly Riddle, Myrna Duncan, Maria Brandon, Brandy, Tiffany and Lydia Evelyn Manning, Mason Guyer, Tony Smith, Bettye Refugee, Shirley Coleman, Connie Moody, all of Elba; Timothy Bernard, Wiley Brook, Juanita, Deon Nard and Ree Nita, all of Enterprise; Debra Connell, Coffee Springs; Minister, Robert "Edwards"; Minister, Chuck Stouder; Opp., D.J. Belcher, Montgomery; and Era Belcher.

***"Black History Program of Shady Grove AME Church of Elba will be Saturday, Feb. 24, at 6 p.m. The guest speaker will be Bro. Mike Crittenden. This program is sponsored by the Pastor's Aid Department. The RHM BC Family.

***"The Dedication and Grand Opening of Mulberry High School will be Sunday, Feb. 25, at 2 p.m. at Mulberry Heights High School in Elba. Dedication sermon will be given by Rev. Dr. J. Abner, pastor of the St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Glenwood.

***"Thought for the Day - Eight Truth Decay - Study the Bible Daily.

Today is a good day, be grateful!

That's a great picture - One man looks in the mirror, sees the work that needs to be done, and says, "Hmm - what do you know?" and walks away looking the same. The other man sees what needs to be done and goes to work on it! So it is with each of us as we open our Bible and read what God has to say there. We're supposed to read just not for information, but for transformation.

It's not just about you reading the Bible; it's about you letting the Bible read YOU! Until you've done that each day, you have missed the point of reading the Bible in the first place. It's not just doing your Christian duty. Why look in the mirror if you're not going to change anything? Why look in the Bible if you're not going to change anything? Some people are working on a "Read Through the Bible" program and that is a great exercise but remember, it's not about how much you read - it's about how much you obey!

That is the road to spiritual consistency, to steady growth, and to experiencing the reality of Jesus every day. Look in God's spiritual mirror every morning and do something about what God shows you in that mirror. If you do, I'll guarantee you, you are going to be looking better all the time!

There is nothing more vital to your following Christ than getting personal direction from Him each day through His Word. You may be reading the Bible, but are you letting the Bible read you? Before you read, ask God, the Author of what you're about to read, to take His words and help you apply them to something specific that you know you're going to face today. Those verses in James talk about not forgetting what you discovered. So in order to do that keep a Jesus notebook, whenever you write what you're going to do differently today because of what you read. Remember, He said to do what it says, otherwise you are deceiving yourself.

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SCHOOLS

Co-Op Spotlight



by Tabitha Schultz

This month's co-op spotlight focuses on **Felicia Rene Wambles**. Rene is an 18-year-old employee of Dr. Tim Jackson where she files, answers the phone, and makes and confirms appointments.

Rene is the daughter of Bonnie and Ramona Wambles. After graduation, Rene plans on attending college to major in medical field.

SALUTE!!

Juniors' magazine sale update

by Hunter Branch

Every year at this time the junior class has to sell magazines to make money for the prom. The goal this year was \$15,000. The juniors receive about 40 percent of what they sell. Each person was asked to sell at least \$250, but was encouraged to sell more. The juniors who did not make quota pay 40 percent of what they didn't sell.

The top three sellers were

Student Spotlight

by Francie English

Name: Randy J. Miller
Guardians: Belinda Ordon and Eva Miller (father is Arthur Barber)

Age: 15
Grade: 9th
Favorite color: yellow
Favorite music: gospel
Clubs/Activities: EHS Chorus and FCLCA

Interests/Hobbies: Playing the piano, singing in the choir, and helping others.

Personal Quote: "Judge me not by the eye or the judge." (Matthew 7:1)

Randy's favorite subject in school is science because his teacher, Mrs. Norris, cares about his grades. The thing that he likes most about Elba High School is the students as well as the staff. Randy would have enjoyed taking French class; however, this course is not offered at EHS. After he



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Bethany Dye
Amanda
Beerenstrach

Presidential Classroom

by Amanda Beerenstrach

On Saturday, Jan. 27, Nirm Patel, a senior at Elba High School, embarked on a journey to our nation's capital in Washington, D.C.

Nirm joined seniors from across the country to participate in the Presidential Classroom. The Presidential Classroom is an opportunity for high school seniors to get an inside view of government and how it works.

Once she arrived in Washington, Nirm began a whirlwind tour of monuments, museums, and other memorable places! Of all the places she visited, Nirm said that Arlington,



Nirm Patel

National Cemetery was one of the saddest places she went.

You realize that all of those people fought for you, died for you, she said. "It really makes you appreciate your freedom and all the sacrifices that people made to insure that freedom."

Nirm's most memorable moment was seeing Hillary Clinton and Ted Kennedy. She also enjoyed meeting Terry Everett, Richard Shelly, and Jeff Sessions.

Elba students, from the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam will organize events and activities to

raise money for the classroom.

All in all, this year's magazine sale was successful. The EHS juniors and seniors should be looking forward to what they didn't sell.

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"Discover the Power" with the National FFA

There is an amazing power within each and every high school student. A student's success is simply a matter of finding that passion and putting that work. The National FFA is a proactive organization that encourages and motivates students in discovering the power they possess. Agricultural education, supervised agricultural experience, and FFA form a solid foundation for students to develop leadership skills, global agricultural knowledge, and practical experience needed to succeed in their careers and everyday life.

National FFA Advisor, Dr. Larry D. Casasen, FFA Vice President of Education, knowledge and brings it to life and provides many opportunities for members to develop self-confidence, leadership skills, and positive values.

Dressed in their familiar blue and gold jackets, FFA members are popularly associated with the raising of animals and the growing of crops. FFA has this proud heritage, many people are surprised to discover that in the business school, the industry of agriculture, FFA members from urban, suburban and rural areas are preparing for careers in such diverse fields as genetic engineering, marketing, law, and communications. The number of agriculture positions anticipated to expand as countries depend more on their food fiber, and natural resources requirements.

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SPORTS

Views from...

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Valentines Day can get pretty expensive for a Dad with a wife and two daughters, and that was the case again last Wednesday as I shopped around in an attempt to keep the three ladies at my house happy. Mom was more than satisfied with a book, a balloon, a box of candy and a flower, while the girls both got a flower, balloon, stuffed animal and a small present. I must be getting soft hearted in my old age, or must have been in trouble, because that sounds like a lot of goodies for my bunch!

DUSTING OFF THE DESK...

*** The Elba Lady Tigers saw their dreams of making an appearance at this week's regional tournament end last week with losses to Calhoun and Montgomery Academy. The Lady Tigers led both games losing the fourth quarter, but saw Calhoun hit two three-pointers that turned the game in their favor. The Montgomery Academy rally at the free-throw line to pull out a last-second win in the sub-region finals. This marked the second straight year Elba's girls had made it to the sub-region finals and had begun the season with four of the Lady Tigers five starters returning, next season could be the year the Lady Tigers kick in the door and make the trip to Troy State. Elba's 21-6 record is the best ever in girls basketball at Elba High, and all the girls and Coach Carmley are to be commended for their many hours of hard work. It was quite a ride!

*** Elba's Rosanda McKinnon has been named one of the three finalists for "player of the year" honors in 3A this season by the Alabama Sports Writers Association, and the Lady Tiger standout is certainly deserving. McKinnon began her basketball career many years ago playing in the boys leagues over at Ft. Rucker, and as she grew older her skills improved and by her senior season, had emerged into one of the area's top players.

*** The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks also fell one win short of earning a trip to Troy State, but the Lady Gamecocks are blessed with plenty of talent and should be right back in the hunt next season. Renita Donaldson hit three three-pointers in the third quarter Thursday night in New Brockton's loss to Geneva County to rally her team, and late in the season became one of the area's top three-point shooters. When you add Donaldson's new-found skills with that of Keundra Cole, it should mean that next season the Lady Gamecocks will have a decent 12-2 combination.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers will have to determine if the state's basketball tournaments had to be determined off the chart last week due to the use of an ineligible player and a non-ending brawl. The game between Anniston and Talladega was stopped with 5:47 left in the fourth quarter when a fight broke out, and state officials ruled that the final score would stand and Anniston would be named the area champ. The final of the Class 3A, Area 12 tournament was not even played due to claims of ineligible players. Glenrose had defeated Piedmont and Litchfield had beaten Hobbs Bluff to reach the tourney-finals, but it was learned that Litchfield had used an ineligible player and had to forfeit its win over Hobbs Bluff. So it to learned that Hobbs Bluff had also used an ineligible player. So it to forfeited its game, and the state declared Glenrose the area winner and Piedmont the runner up.

*** The Southeast Regionals are set for this week up at Troy State and there are quite a few games that interest me. I officiated games during the season involving (Boys) Samson, Barbour County and Pleasant Home, and plan to see all three in action, while I also called games involving (Girls) Geneva County and Pleasant Home, and would like to catch them at Troy State. A trip down to Mobile is out of the question, but I am also interested in areas teams such as Goshen and Andalusia that are playing in the Southwest Regional. It seems a little strange that Goshen would play in Mobile instead of making the short trip over to Troy, but that's the way the AHSAA feels. They're challenging and regular command by the end of the year. The Lady Tigers attempted only two free-throws over the opening three quarters and missed both shots, but hit 8 of 4 free-throws in the final stanza, including 7 of 8 over a 15-8 span that gave them a 25-17 lead late in the half, and went in at intermission with a 25-17 advantage.

The Lady Tigers opened the third quarter with a 6-2 run and pulled within 27-23 with 5:31 left on a short jumper by Rosanda McKinnon, only to see Montgomery Academy answer the challenge and regular command by the end of the year. The Lady Tigers attempted only two free-throws over the opening three quarters and missed both shots, but hit 8 of 4 free-throws in the final stanza, including 7 of 8 over a 15-8 span that gave them a 25-17 lead late in the half, and went in at intermission with a 25-17 advantage.

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Free-throws lift Montgomery Academy

Lady Tigers fall in sub-region 47-44

By Ricky Mularz

The Class 3A, Sub-Region 47 battle between the Elba Lady Tigers and the Montgomery Academy Lady Eagles came down to a free-throw shooting contest last Thursday night in Montgomery, and while the Lady Eagles hit 7 of 8 free-throws over a 1:07 span late in the fourth quarter, the Lady Tigers missed on all six free-throw opportunities over the same period of time, and watched as Montgomery Academy pulled ahead late to claim an exciting 47-44 win.

The loss left Elba with a final record of 21-6, while Montgomery Academy upped its record to 19-5 with the win and earned a berth in this week's Southeast Region Tournament at Troy State.

Elba came out ice cold from the floor in the opening stanza and trailed 8-1 with 4:26 left in the quarter after a short jumper by the Lady Eagles' Walton Upchurch. The Lady Tigers' Rachel Bludsworth scored from inside with 3:21 left to cut the deficit to 8-3, but was the only bucket Elba would manage over the opening eight minutes, as the Lady Tigers hit only 1 of 16 shots in the opening stanza and trailed 12-3 after one quarter of play.

Rachel Bludsworth and Ayonna Proctor scored quick baskets in the second quarter, Elba dropped a 10-2 run in the third quarter and the Lady Eagles regained command midway through the quarter and rode the shooting touch of Evelyn Smith from the corner to open up an 18-9 lead with 1:28 left in the half, Rosanda McKinnon sparked a 6-0 Elba run later in the period as the Lady Tigers pulled within 18-15 with 2:46 remaining, but the Lady Tigers responded with a 7-0 run of their own to open up a 25-15 lead late in the half, and went in at intermission with a 25-17 advantage.

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Neither team could find the basket early in the opening stanza and Calhoun crept out to a 4-2 lead with 2:48 left in the quarter, but Elba did begin to find its range late in the quarter, and led by the play of Laguna Mack pulled ahead 9-6 by the end of the first quarter. The Lady Tigers moved on to 13-6 midway through the second quarter on a short jumper by Rachel Bludsworth, and went in at intermission with a 16-10 win.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba Masonic Lodge #170 crowns 2001 Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart queens



BABY MISS...Winners in the Baby Miss age division were: 2nd Runner Up - Keltzie RacAnn Harrison of New Brockton; 1st Runner Up - Loryn Marie Praytor of Opp, and Winner - Grace Lee of Enterprise.



TINY MISS...Winners in the Tiny Miss age division were: 2nd Runner Up - Shelbie Nicole Meek of New Brockton; 1st Runner Up - Taylor Renee Stanton of Elba, and Winner - Savannah Lauren Kyser of Enterprise.



TOT MISS...Winners in the Tot Miss age division were: 2nd Runner Up - Grayson Nicole Sanders of Enterprise; 1st Runner Up - Kelli Leigh Grant of Glenwood, and Winner - Hannah Elizabeth Powell of Brundidge.



LITTLE MISS...Winners in the Little Miss age division were: 2nd Runner Up - Heather Nicole Blatz of Glenwood; 1st Runner Up - Lucy Danyelle Kelley of Brantley, and Winner - Lindsay Meagan McCung of Elba.



MINI MISS...Winners in the Mini Miss age division were: 2nd Runner Up - Brittani Elizabeth Whitehead of New Brockton and Debra K. Beck of Jack; 1st Runner Up - Haylee LaMae Jones of Opp, and Winner - Summer Suzanne Parker of Elba.



JUNIOR MISS...Winners in the Tot Miss age division were: 2nd Runner Up - Brittany Michaela Scorfido of Opp and Lauren Alexis McClung of Elba; 1st Runner Up - Whitney Parker Jackson of Kinston, and Winner - Haleigh Moore of Opp.

Discipline versus punishment

by Angela Hughes
County Extension Agent

Do you know the difference between disciplining and punishing your child? And what's the best way to teach your child self-discipline?

Remember that in the long run discipline should help your child learn to take responsibility for his own behavior. While a child is learning self-control, he must be protected from hurting himself and other people. And, you must show him how to behave in appropriate ways.

Some techniques can stop misbehavior and encourage self-discipline. They include letting your child make some decisions for himself, giving reasons for your rules, taking the child away from trouble, redirecting the child's activities when he behaves wrong, and letting the child learn from the results of his misbehavior.

You can punish the child with a "time out" or by taking away privileges. But remember that punishment can lose its effectiveness and may even have bad side effects if it's used too often. It sometimes makes the child forget why he was punished in the first place.



MISS TRI-COUNTY VALENTINE SWEETHEART...Winners in the Miss age division were: 2nd Runner Up - Kallie Michelle Smith of Andalusia; 1st Runner Up - Emily A. Smith of New Brockton; and Winner - Carey Lauren Holloway of Elba.

Little Known Fact...

The NBC movie, "The Princess and The Marine," which aired on the network on Sunday, Feb. 18, has an Elba connection.

Elba attorney Al Smith and Will Carr represented the Bahrain princess during her initial immigration hearing. According to Carr, family ties are what brought the princess to the local law firm. Smith's son is married to a lady from the same area of the Middle East as the princess, and the two ladies knew one another. The "princess and the marine" (Miriam and Jason Johnson) contacted Smith's son and his wife about someone to represent Miriam during her initial immigration hearing. At that point, Smith's son contacted him and the law firm agreed to take on the case.

Carr said the firm represented Miriam during the initial immigration process which included having the venue moved from Chicago to the INS court in San Diego.

"Our interest was to protect her through the immigration process," he said.

Miriam has fled for asylum, and the final outcome of the case is still pending.

Smith and Carr are no longer involved with the case, but Carr said he was interested in seeing last Sunday's movie on NBC to "see how close they would get to the real story."

"For me, it was exciting to watch the movie and know that this high profile case has a connection to our small town here in Southeast Alabama," said Dawn DeVane, legal secretary for Smith and Carr. "I think that says a great deal about the people here and the quality of work we provide."

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